

## Our Question Drawer.

Should a person be allowed to take part in K. C. meetings regardless of their religion?  
CLARA KELSEY.

In answer to the above inquiry, I will answer, yes. By no means prohibit any one who wishes to participate in the K. C. work, so long as they conduct themselves in a becoming manner. We have many good workers who are not members of the church and we appreciate their work and give them a hearty welcome.

J. O. TALLEY.

What is to be done with a pastor who does not consult the officers of the church, nor ask their advice as to what should be done?  
A READER.

It is somewhat difficult to give a satisfactory answer to the above inquiry. The truth is there is not much to be done, nor is it necessary. A pastor who disregards the wishes of his people, and fails to consult them on important matters of church work will soon cease to be a pastor. The first thing to be done is to kindly inform him that he is pursuing a very unwise course; that he is losing his influence with the best people, and thereby largely crippling his usefulness. A pastor should exercise great care in this respect. He is but a servant, and should have all due regard for the wishes of those who have called him to them in spiritual things. He should learn the great truth uttered by St. Paul. "We are laborers together with God." Should a pastor persist in this course it should be the privilege of the officers to rebuke him, or even dismiss him and call another.

To Brother Samuel Cain, of Hudson, Iowa.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—In No. 6 of the EVANGELIST you made a request that I write an article on "Christian Feet Washing," and intimate that you have strong reasons for making the request. Notably you have strong opposition from other denominations. Well, Brother Cain, I am pleased of two things. First, for so heartily indorsing my article on the "Lord's Supper," and I thank you for the compliment. Second, I am pleased that the opposition to feet washing existing at Hudson is from other denominations, and not within your own ranks, and I will try to give you a remedy for the evil complained of.

First. Stand together in one solid phalanx in defense of the whole Gospel, feet washing included.

Second. Use faithfully an article written on the subject of Christian feet wash-

ing, a great many years ago I believe it was written by one John, the brother of James, and it is recorded in the 13th chapter of the Gospel bearing his name. This article is short, comprehensive and conclusive. I never could find a way in my weakness to offer any argument that could be more convincing than this. I relate to you, an occurrence to show that with all the surface of opposition, there is an undercurrent of dissatisfaction among professors of religion in general, and in the denomination—that I think are your chief opposers in particular.

Last spring when I was in the renowned Miami Valley in this State attending our State Conference, I also attended the Communion meeting with the brethren in the Bear Creek church, where I formerly served for two years as pastor, and there is at Trotwood about four miles north of the Bear Creek church, a strong organization of the people who go by the name of Christians. I think they are in some places called Disciples, and yet in other places Campbellites. Their minister was present at our meetings and when service of feet washing was commenced he said to our minister in charge: "Brother Tombaugh, may I have my feet washed?" Brother Tombaugh replied, "Certainly." So the fellow stood right in and had his feet washed, and about this time I happened to look in that direction, and there he was, a tall, stout gentleman of good address, looked as if he could make his two hundred rails from the stump in a day, girded with a towel and washing another brother's feet and he really enjoyed it; went through the entire service, supper and all.

Another, a local minister of the U. B. church, a good, honest gentleman comes there frequently and participates in the work. He remained for preaching the next day, and sat immediately in front of me, and in my discourse I made the declaration that the practices in the Brethren church are right, and if we are right, those who fail to keep the ordinances are wrong and their true, inward feeling tells them so, and in order to satisfy this feeling some of them come here and avail themselves of the privilege of obeying the Lord," and my friend sanctioned my remarks with a hearty "Amen." Thus you see the opposition is not as deeply seated as you imagine. Let the Brethren church stand united everywhere, on the grand old Gospel platform, and defend its ordinances without any question or disposition to compromise, and the opposition will weaken, and ultimately fade and die.

Yours for the faith,

Feb. 18.

Congress, O.

P. J. BROWN.

## Missionary News.

### FROM NATIONAL TREASURER.

As treasurer of the National Mission Board, I acknowledge the receipt from First Brethren church, Pittsburg, Pa., through Rev. J. D. Bole, six dollars and eighty cents, (\$6.80.)

DAVID AUGUSTINE.

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### NOTICE.

Will some kind brother or sister of each congregation of Indiana please send me name and address of a brother or sister that would make an active solicitor for Home Mission work.

S. S. HOFFMAN,

Akron, Ind.

Chairman.

### "WHAT HAS IT DONE FOR YOU?"

The skeptical Mr. Bradlaugh was once lecturing in a village in the north of England; and at the close challenged discussion. Who should accept the challenge but an old, bent woman, in the most antiquated attire, who went up to the lecturer, and said, "Sir, I have a question to put to you." "Well, my good woman, what is it?" "Ten years ago," she said, "I was left a widow, with eight children utterly unprovided for, and nothing to call my own but this Bible. By its direction, and looking to God for strength, I have been able to feed myself and my family. I am now tottering to the grave; but I am perfectly happy, because I look forward to a life of immortality with Jesus in heaven. That's what my religion has done for me. What has your way of thinking done for you?" "Well, my good lady," rejoined the lecturer, "I don't want to disturb your comfort; but—" "Oh! but that's not the question," interposed the woman; "keep to the point, sir. What has your way of thinking done for you?" The infidel endeavored to shirk the matter again: the feeling of the meeting gave vent in uproarious applause, and Mr. Bradlaugh had to go away discomfited by an old woman.

### A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

I am out of debt, and thanks to the Dish Washer business for it. In the past five weeks I have made over \$500, and I am so thankful that I feel like telling everybody, so that they can be benefitted by my experience. Anybody can sell Dish Washers because everybody wants one, especially when it can be got so cheap. I believe that in two years from now every family will have one. You can get full particulars by addressing the Iron City Dish Washer Co., E. E. Pittsburg, Pa., and you can't help but make money in this business. I believe that I can clear over \$3,000 the coming year, and I am not going to let such an opportunity pass without improvement. We can't expect to succeed without trying. MRS. B.